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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Division
THROUGH : Chief, Free World Area
SUBJECT : Organization

1. In my recent review of the Office organization I noted that certain changes should be made to bring about more uniformity in the structure of our substantive areas. I refer here specifically to the subdivision of branches into sections. The Western Division is alone in the Office in adhering to this outmoded concept of branch organization, which is not in keeping with the requirement of the Office for maximum flexibility within the branch. I, therefore, request that sections no longer be an accepted organizational breakdown in your branches and that the concept of supervision below the branch chief level be immediately revised.

2. It should be clearly understood by your people that this change means no diminution of status for senior analysts and that their professional standing will continue to be based on substantive competence rather than supervisory status or "Section Chief" title.

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